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### HUNTING AND FISHING ARE ALIVE AND WELL

Better than 20 percent of the American people hunt or fish, according to last year's State license sales figures released today by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Lynn A. Greenwalt.

Greenwalt said, "Hunting and fishing are major pastimes, with one of every five Americans enjoying the outdoors this way. License sales last year numbered close to 42 million nationwide, increasing by 400 thousand over 1972 and representing an increase of \$28 million in State revenues. Overall, in 1973, sales of State hunting and fishing licenses netted \$242 million.

"The 1973 licenses sold equaled the previous record high number sold in 1971.

"These revenues enable States to conduct their fish and wildlife conservation and management programs. Additional funds come from Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs under which States are reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of approved projects. For the current fiscal year which ends on June 30th, over \$62 million in Federal Aid funds was apportioned to the States according to a formula which includes the number of hunting and fishing license holders in each State."

California is by far the fishing capital of the Nation with sales of 5.5 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps. Closest runner-ups were Michigan and Texas, each with 1.6 million sold. Other very heavily fished States are Minnesota, Tennessee, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Wisconsin also attracts the most out-of-State fishermen in the country with nearly half a million visitors buying licenses last year. Minnesota and Montana rank just about as high with tourist fishermen.

Pennsylvania was the most heavily hunted State in the Nation last year with 1.6 million licenses, tags, permits, and stamps sold. California, Michigan, New York, and Texas rank just below with each State selling over a million licenses each. Montana has the distinction of being the most frequently visited State by out-of-State hunters. Last year over 135 thousand non-resident permits were sold there. Wyoming and Pennsylvania run a close second.

Hawaii stands out as the State with the fewest licensed hunters and fishermen in the Nation.

NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND COST TO FISHERMEN  
FISCAL YEAR 1973

State	Paid Fishing License Holders 1/	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	553,178	505,191	68,491	573,682	\$ 1,760,809.75
Alaska	118,503	89,823	38,179	128,002	1,001,861.00
Arizona	349,990	344,402	142,494	486,896	2,365,280.00
Arkansas	649,917	533,618	201,348	734,966	2,609,435.00
California	2,199,190	5,472,667	56,362	5,529,029	13,480,974.00
Colorado	569,519	396,704	194,027	590,731	3,520,636.34
Connecticut	172,056	177,990	4,242	182,232	637,562.50
Delaware	11,645	13,896	1,176	15,072	58,769.00
Florida	842,811	679,630	194,190	873,820	2,502,542.00
Georgia	631,392	702,540	26,526	729,066	2,273,369.00
Hawaii	6,806	6,804	98	6,902	22,395.75
Idaho	412,669	276,292	184,460	460,752	2,211,236.30
Illinois	843,828	803,234	40,594	843,828	1,960,702.50
Indiana	665,591	640,732	56,402	697,134	3,005,302.00
Iowa	454,661	435,368	38,670	474,038	1,842,159.00
Kansas	356,001	321,169	37,964	359,133	1,108,845.00
Kentucky	525,940	434,651	123,868	558,519	2,596,505.75
Louisiana	356,817	331,342	29,202	360,544	779,366.00
Maine	251,385	158,613	94,825	253,438	1,629,485.45
Maryland	130,293	149,968	9,060	159,028	621,327.00
Massachusetts	223,101	241,907	5,878	247,785	1,630,429.13
Michigan	1,076,986	1,359,041	260,099	1,619,140	5,554,287.25
Minnesota	1,465,501	1,171,993	401,234	1,573,227	5,795,555.00
Mississippi	354,589	280,926	100,028	380,954	971,697.50
Missouri	898,588	1,222,997	190,164	1,413,161	4,644,865.00
Montana	288,189	400,933	325,788	726,721	2,212,515.00
Nebraska	242,876	238,605	34,376	272,981	1,087,917.13
Nevada	147,221	85,985	63,828	149,813	685,439.50
New Hampshire	147,465	97,278	54,466	151,744	805,151.25
New Jersey	197,138	316,854	9,135	325,989	1,511,037.00
New Mexico	177,427	124,257	58,147	182,404	949,671.19
New York	850,040	820,252	59,600	879,852	4,681,764.25
North Carolina	481,126	531,466	55,274	586,740	2,184,747.50
North Dakota	138,506	127,187	13,117	140,304	387,641.00
Ohio	793,451	767,802	25,649	793,451	3,207,111.00
Oklahoma	569,125	471,259	121,808	593,067	2,280,069.75
Oregon	705,505	857,519	240,434	1,097,953	4,097,362.00
Pennsylvania	877,160	827,250	49,910	877,160	4,359,376.50
Rhode Island	26,896	25,708	1,188	26,896	81,739.00
South Carolina	357,287	310,777	53,858	364,635	1,626,277.50
South Dakota	179,681	126,660	54,916	181,576	613,638.00
Tennessee	890,611	1,054,960	262,919	1,317,879	3,373,626.00
Texas	1,599,905	1,569,161	32,024	1,601,185	3,200,130.00
Utah	396,731	288,375	110,984	399,359	1,738,039.00
Vermont	157,120	99,419	57,701	157,120	480,632.00
Virginia	505,238	772,657	79,300	851,957	1,699,140.00
Washington	507,534	649,620	31,803	681,423	3,914,266.00
West Virginia	225,845	206,191	19,754	225,945	1,175,916.50
Wisconsin	1,395,493	917,126	478,367	1,395,493	6,362,927.00
Wyoming	233,474	92,430	160,325	252,755	1,104,718.50
<b>TOTALS 3/</b>	<b>26,212,001</b>	<b>28,531,229</b>	<b>4,954,252</b>	<b>33,485,481</b>	<b>\$118,406,249.79</b>

1/ A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses he may purchase.  
Data certified by State fish and game departments.

2/ Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

3/ Persons who fished in more than one State are counted in each State where they fished.  
Therefore, this figure exceeds the total number of license holders in the United States.

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FISCAL YEAR 1973

State	Paid Hunting License Holders 1/	Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Hunting Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued 2/	Gross Cost to Hunters
Alabama	320,608	365,002	14,573	379,575	\$ 1,749,497.50
Alaska	68,268	66,872	8,728	75,600	1,323,871.00
Arizona	146,407	262,548	9,439	271,987	2,058,427.00
Arkansas	326,192	452,669	34,469	487,138	1,773,370.50
California	641,319	1,247,259	2,211	1,249,470	5,265,537.00
Colorado	263,687	363,506	57,473	420,979	6,204,611.67
Connecticut	77,810	90,825	915	91,740	271,681.50
Delaware	27,235	25,662	1,572	27,234	173,135.40
Florida	249,829	246,309	3,520	249,829	1,476,763.25
Georgia	334,909	502,656	15,605	518,261	2,185,751.00
Hawaii	12,412	12,359	405	12,764	96,303.50
Idaho	233,347	440,956	48,040	488,996	2,263,159.90
Illinois	478,956	466,338	12,618	478,956	1,691,681.50
Indiana	444,303	499,202	8,931	508,133	2,465,015.00
Iowa	319,844	398,232	29,179	427,411	2,349,787.00
Kansas	230,470	204,109	26,361	230,470	1,003,752.00
Kentucky	276,089	313,056	10,800	323,856	1,389,560.50
Louisiana	335,127	478,254	12,547	490,801	1,033,632.00
Maine	194,336	162,488	32,023	194,511	2,108,690.25
Maryland	186,117	265,904	10,521	276,425	1,685,574.00
Massachusetts	107,389	140,286	1,863	142,149	763,196.02
Michigan	753,808	1,045,961	18,524	1,064,485	7,220,702.75
Minnesota	419,592	597,143	3,626	600,769	2,704,521.25
Mississippi	322,036	456,689	37,952	494,641	1,536,988.00
Missouri	484,155	692,741	17,429	710,170	4,016,832.00
Montana	208,528	606,427	135,519	741,946	2,948,597.00
Nebraska	198,223	341,260	47,150	388,410	1,837,587.87
Nevada	68,667	115,403	11,316	126,719	876,226.00
New Hampshire	87,994	74,552	17,688	92,240	950,746.75
New Jersey	187,249	234,936	3,824	238,760	1,659,732.93
New Mexico	141,114	128,749	23,220	151,969	1,659,625.06
New York	652,468	1,161,790	30,053	1,191,843	5,950,083.00
North Carolina	421,531	648,675	9,090	657,765	2,557,238.75
North Dakota	100,591	223,213	20,089	243,302	1,053,461.50
Ohio	551,113	637,493	3,067	640,560	2,700,756.00
Oklahoma	248,805	349,903	6,549	356,452	1,412,809.75
Oregon	355,094	729,529	9,081	738,610	3,274,185.00
Pennsylvania	1,141,385	1,545,855	76,503	1,622,358	11,106,556.55
Rhode Island	15,682	17,948	496	18,444	60,844.00
South Carolina	189,617	215,669	14,193	229,862	1,374,787.50
South Dakota	170,696	309,638	64,983	374,621	1,791,547.30
Tennessee	483,434	680,734	15,660	696,394	3,362,184.50
Texas	822,968	1,060,021	18,089	1,078,110	2,938,403.55
Utah	254,134	267,823	33,144	300,967	3,045,304.00
Vermont	143,949	120,695	49,642	170,337	1,409,742.00
Virginia	453,521	890,940	64,226	955,166	2,600,245.75
Washington	311,881	731,785	1,624	733,409	3,747,969.00
West Virginia	256,051	232,404	23,747	256,151	1,832,399.00
Wisconsin	633,831	800,002	30,279	830,281	5,022,457.00
Wyoming	156,543	152,092	83,326	235,418	3,669,083.50
TOTALS 3/	15,509,314	22,074,562	1,211,882	23,286,444	\$123,654,614.75

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